

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;  
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman;  
Mark Acton;  
Tony Hammond; and  
Nanci E. Langley

Francitas Post Office  
Francitas, Texas

Docket No. A2013-4

ORDER CONCERNING APPLICATION FOR  
SUSPENSION OF FINAL DETERMINATION

(Issued March 26, 2013)

On March 20, 2013, Carolina Jalufka (Petitioner) filed a petition for review of the final determination to close the Francitas, Texas post office.<sup>1</sup> On March 22, 2012, the Commission docketed the Petition.<sup>2</sup> On March 26, 2013, Petitioner filed an application for suspension of the final determination to close the Francitas post office.<sup>3</sup> In the Application, Petitioner states that the Francitas post office is scheduled to close today,

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<sup>1</sup> Petition for Review Received from Carolina Jalufka Regarding the Francitas, TX Post Office 77961, March 20, 2013 (Petition).

<sup>2</sup> Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule, March 22, 2013 (Order No. 1679).

<sup>3</sup> Application for Suspension of Final Determination to Close the Francitas, TX Post Office, March 26, 2013 (Application).

March 26, 2013. Petitioner states that the final determination to close the Francitas post office was posted February 22, 2013. Application at 1.

The Postal Service's customary practice is to maintain operations at a post office for which a final determination has been issued pending the disposition on appeal. It is not clear from the pleadings, however, whether this closure is a permanent discontinuance or an emergency suspension.<sup>4</sup> If the scheduled closure is not an emergency suspension, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(4), the Postal Service is required to continue operating the Francitas post office for 60 days from the date of posting the final determination.

*It is ordered:*

Unless the Francitas post office is subject to an emergency suspension, the Postal Service shall continue operating the Francitas post office as required by 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(4).

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams  
Acting Secretary

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<sup>4</sup> The Petition refers to an "Emergency Closing." Petition at 7.